Food and drug testing laboratories

2121. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up Modern Food and Drug testing laboratories;

(b) if so, what is its number and where these laboratories are expected to be set up and at what cost; and

(c) the difference between the existing ones and the modern laboratories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Under the World Bank Assisted Capacity Building Project, technical capabilities of the existing laboratories are being modernized and new modern Food and Drug Laboratories are also being set up in the country.

(b) New modern laboratories are being set up in the States of Jharkhand (Ranchi), Uttaranchal (Rudrapur), Chhattisgarh (Raipur) for analysis of both food and drugs and Sikkim for analysis of good. In additional nine Central Food Laboratories including six on Indo-Nepal Border are also being established under the project. The approximate cost of setting up these laboratories is Rs. 60.00 crores.

(c) The testing capacities of the existing Food and Drug Laboratories are being modernized to cope with the increasing number of samples and parameters to be tested; and to standardize testing systems and methods.

Package for doctors

2122. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward an improved package for doctors to prevent them from leaving various Government Institutes or settling outside the country for better opportunities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this is likely to be bought forward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As per recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission the retirement age of Government doctors was raised from 58 years to 60 years and